

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

NAPOLEON ON BOARD SHIP.

The following particulars concerning Napoleon Bonaparte are curious and interesting.

By some passengers who came in the Bellerophon it appears that Bonaparte was quite at ease on board that ship; took possession of the captain's cabin, gave ceremonies, invited the officers of the ship to his table, talked with great freedom on the present state of things, said it was impossible for the Bourbons to govern France, and that Napoleon II. would soon be recalled to the throne, that Fouché was an ass, and totally unfit for the office assigned him.

He acknowledged that England alone ruled his grand plans, and that but for her he had been now Emperor of the East as well as the West. He walked on the poop and quarter-deck, conversed with the seamen, and affected great gaiety and unconcern. In short, such is the talent of this "Child and Champion of Jacobinism," that before they arrived in Torbay he was considered as all on board a Devil's Good Fellow.

The Bellerophon arrived at Torbay with Napoleon and his suite consisting of 45 persons of distinction; among them were Marshalls Bertrand and Montholon, and their Countesses and four children.

Boats are not permitted to go alongside the Bellerophon, but parties have approached near enough to distinguish that he has grey eyes, brown hair, etc.

An Exeter paper states that "several gentlemen from Exeter have been down to Torbay (23 miles) to see Bonaparte. Multitudes are flocking to the coast to see the ship and many gentlemen have gone off and sailed around her; but no one, that we have heard of, has been admitted on board."

"From the manner in which Captain Mastland appears to be waiting for instructions, we fear the Bellerophon will be off as soon as he receives them, without landing her prisoner here, to gratify the anxious curiosity of the neighborhood."

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

"I HAVE COME AGAIN!"

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The German Picnic. The German picnic yesterday in Hough's Grove, was a big affair. There were present the German "Widows and Orphans' Mutual Aid Association," the German Glee Club, the Turnverein, as well as the whole German population of our city. The procession which marched to the grove was under the marshaling of Charles Bradley, Col. Spedel and A. Schneider.

The Mutual Aid Association had a new stand erected in the grove, on which gymnastic performances, singing and other amusements were given to the delight of an appreciative crowd of spectators. There was plenty of dancing, plenty of lager, plenty of fun and a delightful day altogether. About dusk the procession was re-formed and marched back to this city. A large delegation was present from New Haven.

STEAMER BRIDGEPORT IN COLLISION.

The steamer Bridgeport, when running through Hell Gate yesterday morning, about 3 o'clock, became enveloped in a thick fog, and shortly after struck the British ship Margaret Evans, lying at the Jackson street dock, New York city, completely sinking in the ship's bows, and carrying away all her forward rigging. The ship filled rapidly and soon sank at her slip.

It will cost \$25,000 to raise and repair her. No blame is attached to the officers of the Bridgeport, as it was impossible to distinguish any object on the river. The extent of the injuries sustained by the Bridgeport is not stated.

CONN. RIVER FORDED.

Samuel Chapman, forded the Connecticut at Hartford, Saturday, near the bridge, with an ox team. He was followed by H. B. Olmstead. When midway between the city and East Hartford they halted and regaled themselves on watermelon and "soda water." It is not known this feat was ever accomplished before. The Connecticut is a big river.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

WHIST CLUB REORGANIZED.

A whist club composed of young ladies, which held forth last winter, meeting weekly at the homes of their members, yesterday afternoon re-organized for the coming season. Miss Daisy Rusling was elected president, and Miss Josie Savage secretary and treasurer. The meeting was held at the home of Miss Marie Lupton on West avenue, one of the members. Other members already enrolled are the Misses Alice Smith, Daisy Raymond, Hattie B. Hawley, May Farini, Lillie Wheeler, Hattie Hawley, Edith Porter, May Rusling and Sadie and Fannie Meeker.

The club is named the "Wheelockers," after Sarah Wheelock, the champion whist player of the United States. They will meet here after every afternoon with one of the members.

LYNCH-BRAY.

With a solemn high nuptial mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart this morning Patrick Lynch and Miss Della Bray were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father O'Brien, who also celebrated the nuptial mass. Officer Philip

GENERAL FRENCH IN UNANNOUNCED CALL ON TROOPS

Commander-in-Chief Often "Drops In" To See How The Battle Goes.

British Headquarters, France, Sept. 11.—The only man of the hundreds of thousands at the British front who wears the crossed batons of a Field Marshal on his shoulders appeared in an opening in the shrubbery which bordered the field where a machine-gun battery of the new army was waiting for orders to move.

None of the men in the battery had any idea that he was coming. They were lounging and chatting as they waited. In a glance every one identified that sturdy figure with its square chin and the white drooping moustache with the pictures which they had seen in the papers. There was no need for a call to attention. The effect was like an electric shock which sent every man to his place and made his backbone a steel rod.

"Does Sir John French ever slip up on you that way?" gasped one of the battery lieutenants who was all of nineteen years of age. Nineteen is the limit of youth for officers in the new army; and there are scores no older. From the one chocolate drop on that boy lieutenant's sleeve to the crossed batons represented a dizzy altitude.

The battery had just come out from England. It took the Commander-in-Chief about five minutes to form his judgment of the results of their nine months' preparatory drill. He asked a few questions as he looked over each gun and its crew. "Very good!" he said, and returned to his car which was to take him on to inspect some other formation. "Any idea that the Commander-in-Chief spends all his time over a map with a telephone at his elbow," as the staff officer explained, "is quite erroneous. He is always on the go."

The automobile enables him to get over a lot of ground in a day. Sometimes the inspections are quite formal. Different battalions are usually drawn up in fields awaiting his coming. Commanding officers know of his approach when they see the flag of his car fluttering along the road. On these occasions he usually makes a little speech. Once when a platform had been arranged for him to address a battalion he passed it by and went closer to the men standing in the ranks with their rifles pointed around him. After that platform went out of fashion.

"One might think that he could learn very little by a brief inspection of the troops," said a staff officer, "but a soldier's eye takes in more than a civilian can guess. He not only sees the uniform and equipment, but he is able to judge both the spirit and the physical condition of the men. If they have been having a hard time of it the Commander-in-Chief can tell much light is left in them. He may judge the character of the reserves who have filled the vacant places. And the men see him. He is no longer a distant figure. They feel the effect of his personality."

The new army contingents as they arrive receive particular attention. "Every general in the army seems to be taking his turn at inspecting us," said one of the New Army officers. "We had plenty of inspections at home. We came out here to fight." When this was repeated to a staff officer who belongs to a cavalry regiment, he said: "They need not worry about that. They will be getting fighting enough when the time comes. But they have the right spirit. All the armies in this war have found that the men who have been in the trenches know from experience how to hold the trenches. They can dig and they can stick no matter how heavy the shell fire. But fresh troops when properly drilled are the best for the offensive. England has a far larger army which has never heard the crack of a bullet than has ever been under fire. The New Army men learned a good deal in England, they are to be taught more at the front."

FELL FIFTEEN FEET.

Hugh McLevy and William J. Cornish, slaters, and William J. Dougherty, plumber, were working on W. H. Lamson's new house on Gem avenue this morning. Dougherty, while doing the tinning work and his scaffold was adjoining that of the slaters. He desired a tool and had to go on the house for it. He walked from his scaffold onto that of the slaters and then attempted to crawl in a window. As he did so he gave the scaffold a sudden push that loosened it and it fell. McLevy was near a ladder and grabbed it and saved himself from being crushed. The other men fell a distance of 15 feet and were stunned. The ambulance removed the injured men to the emergency. Cornish was bruised about the left hip. He was taken to his home at 7 Clinton avenue after his injuries had been attended to. Dougherty's back was injured and he sustained a scalp wound. After his injuries were dressed he was taken to his home on East street. The scaffolding in the first place was not properly secured.

PROF. TAFT LAUDS ADMINISTRATION'S STAND ON DUMBA

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 11.—"In my judgment the administration has pursued the only course open to it in the case of Ambassador Dumba," said William H. Taft in a statement published here today. "After the admission made he could no longer be persona grata to the American government."

The former president delivered two speeches after his arrival in Tacoma yesterday. In one, in which he predicted a reunited Republican party, he said:

"Only the colonels and captains of the third (Progressive) party are continuing its economies and reforms. There are more epaulets than there are guns."

Wireless communication between the radio station at Sayville, L. I., and Germany was restored.

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BUILDING NOTES

Plans have been completed for a store and tenement building three stories in height in Hancock avenue for George Phillips.

The T. J. Pardy Co. is preparing to build several concrete factory buildings in Arctic street for the Remington Arms-U. M. C. Co.

Work has started on a store and tenement building at Stratford avenue and Hewitt street for Mrs. Henry Albee.

Mrs. Mary Buda has given a contract for the erection of a six family house in Andover street.

Charles Schroeder is to build a two family house in North avenue.

A two-family house is in course of construction in Huntington road for Spargo and Winter.

Work has started on a house in Sanford place for Lucy A. Fitzpatrick.

Another house for Soderholm and Swanson is under construction in Davidson street.

Harry L. Porter of 74 Rose street, this city, is having a new residence built in Stratford.

James Grasso is to build a house for himself in Capitol avenue. The work will start Monday.

Emily F. Jones has let a contract for the building of a two family house in Lyon Terrace.

A new free state library is open to readers at the home of Mrs. Howard S. Beach. The small sum of ten cents will be charged each family for the first book taken out; this sum to be used to cover express charges. List of books are as follows: Maids of Honor, Armitage; Dri and I, Bacheller; Ten to Seventeen, Bacon; Redemption Ba-

sin; Bird Neighbors, Blanchard; White Man's Africa, Bigelow; Power of a Lie, Bojer; Kincaid's Bakery, Cahn; Crisis, Churchill; Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Clemens; Bertrand of Brittany, Deeping; Children's Letters, Colson; Catherine's Child, De La Pasture; Stories of Inventors, Doubleday; Wanderings in Arabia, Vol. 1, Wanderings in Arabia, Vol. 2, Doughty; Morocco, Finemore; Off the Rocks, Grenfell; Dionie and I and Amelia, Grundy; Little Land and a Living, Hall; Diana of Dobson, Hamilton; Boy Anglers, Holder; Fish Stories, Holder; Camp Fires on Desert and Lava, Hornaday; Christmas Every Day and Other Stories, Howells; Marie Antoinette, Inghart; Legends, Ingoldsby; Lewis Rand, Johnson; Boy Travellers in Southern Europe, Knox; Golden Treasury of American Songs and Lyrics, Knowles; Guide to the Trees, Lounsbury; Scottish School of Painting, McKay; Rick Dale, Munroe; Foreign Views of England in Reign of George 1st and 2nd, Mydden; Side Lights on Georgian Period, Faxon; Men of Iron, Pyle; Scarlet Pimpernel, Oracy; Round the Corner on Gay Street, Richmond; My People of the Plains, Talbot; Vanity Fair, Thackeray; Prince of India, Vol. 1; Prince of India, Vol. 2, Wallace; Nature Biographies, Weed; Twixt Sitar and Menelik, Wellby.

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